TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

March 27, 2006 LB 786

not to enter in at some point in time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right. That's my...that's kind of my thinking on it, and that was really why, in a way, I suggested the whole idea of this court process in the first place, before everybody had to go out and gather signatures. But I just had a conversation with Senator Mines. This isn't like a statewide race where you have to go statewide and get all your signatures and everything. It's a smaller geographic area. It's not as big of a challenge to get those signatures. So maybe it's not as burdensome to those signature gatherers that we have to have some intervening by the courts in the process. It was just a thought. We several years ago actually passed a bill to allow that kind of a trigger to happen in the initiative and referendum process. I don't know if you remember that, but we passed that bill by 30 votes in here, and then the Governor vetoed it. So I was just sort of likening this to that process.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But it's not exactly like that process. So maybe, you know, maybe if we adopt the Louden amendment... I mean if we adopt the Louden amendment, we're still going to have a good bill here, I think, with the terms defined.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, I would agree. I would like to see the words put in if, at a minimum, at least it causes people to think about the reasons why you should or should not be doing this.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Kruse, Louden amendment.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President, question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five